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Amendments to the Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A shaving apparatus, comprising;

a reservoir for storing a shaving aid material;

a razor cartridge having at least one razor blade; and

a valve comprising a spring-loaded plug element and an orifice to receive the spring-loaded plug element is selectively actuatable by movement of the razor cartridge between a first position and a second position;

wherein in the first position the valve permits passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir, and in the second position the valve substantially prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir; and ~~The shaving apparatus of claim 1,~~

wherein the spring-loaded plug element is a ball.

7. (Previously Presented) A shaving apparatus, comprising;

a reservoir for storing a shaving aid material;

a razor cartridge having at least one razor blade; and

a valve selectively actuatable by movement of the razor cartridge between a first position and a second position;

wherein in the first position the valve permits passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir, and in the second position the valve substantially prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir;

wherein the valve comprises a first plate and a second plate disposed such that a surface of the second plate is engagable with a surface of the first plate to prevent the flow of the shaving aid material from the reservoir.

8. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a spring configured to bias the surface of the second plate against the surface of the first plate.

9. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 8, wherein said spring is a leaf spring.

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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A valve for a shaving apparatus, comprising:
a plug element cooperably connected to a razor cartridge; and
an orifice in which the plug element is received, the orifice being in fluid
communication with a reservoir that forms a portion of the shaving apparatus;
wherein the razor cartridge is movable between a first position and a second position
such that the plug element is adapted to permit passage of a shaving aid material from the
reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the first position and is adapted to prevent passage of
the shaving aid material from the reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the second position;
and The valve of claim 10,
wherein the plug element is a spring-loaded ball.

12. (Original) The valve of claim 11, wherein the ball is disposed on a stem.

13. (Original) The valve of claim 12, wherein the stem is operably connected to the razor cartridge.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)